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President's Message

I wish to focus this brief space in this issue on the consideration of a simple question that may have significant influence on the future direction of the INFORMS College on Simulation. Should the College seek to attain corporate support for some of its functions?

This is an issue that I have discussed with several members of the College. These discussions have indicated to me that the time is right for it to be addressed by the College. Clearly there are many advantages to the College that may be gained by engaging in such "support", such as expanded membership and broader recognition of the College as the **leader** in the development and promotion of simulation throughout various organizations and industries (something which is lacking in our current status). On the other hand, there are, of course, many disadvantages to the College that may result from such "support"; there are many examples of such "support" corrupting and diluting the efforts of similar organizations.

Nevertheless, I am convinced that the potential benefits far outweigh the potential drawbacks (especially when managed properly) and warrant, at the very least, a thorough, comprehensive investigation by the College. To this end, I have recently appointed a committee to investigate the options available to the College and their potential effect on the College. Initially, this committee will consist of Theodore Allen, Sheldon Jacobson, and myself (others may be added as scope of interest is determined) and is commissioned with assessing all feasible options, developing a business plan for each option, and reporting all learnings along with recommendations to the College in full one year from now at the College business meeting held at the 1998 WSC. I encourage each of you over the next twelve months to contact one of these committee members and provide them with your feedback and thoughts on the directions that the College should take on this very important issue; this committee needs your input.

This issue, along with several other issues (e.g., membership dues, College web page funding, etc.) relevant to the future of the College will be discussed at the next INFORMS College on Simulation business meeting at the Winter Simulation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday, December 9. If you are planning on attending the WSC this December, I encourage you to set aside time in your schedule to attend this business meeting. The College will benefit from your participation. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jeffrey D. Tew
President, INFORMS College on Simulation

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Editor's Corner

This issue of the *Newsletter* contains a tribute to Harold Highland, an outstanding and dedicated member of the simulation community whose passing is greatly regretted. The tribute provides a retrospective on one of the people whose work firmly established the Winter Simulation Conference as the highly successful conference it is today. Thanks to authors Tom Schriber and Jim Wilson for helping us remember someone to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Be sure to read the report of the ad hoc Web Page Study Committee, which was ably chaired by Assistant *Newsletter* Editor Russell Barton. The report provides an overview of the activities of this committee and its recommendations, which will be discussed at the College business meeting at WSC'97.

Regarding other College business, the proposed bylaws are reprinted and a ballot for voting on the changes is printed on the back cover. Please vote early (but not often). Note also that nominations are now open for INFORMS College on Simulation Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominating yourself is not only acceptable but encouraged! Take this opportunity to get involved in your College.

Finally, I recommend former College President Barry Nelson's report on WSC'97 as proof that holding an office in the College will not dull your wit.

Diane Bischak ■

Clarification

In the Spring 1997 issue of the *Newsletter*, it was stated that Peter Glynn was a member of the committee which selected Pervez Shahabuddin as the 1996 Outstanding Publication Award recipient of the INFORMS College on Simulation. Although a member of the Outstanding Publication Award committee, Peter did not actively take part in the selection of Pervez as the award recipient, scrupulously avoiding any conflict of interest arising from his role as Pervez's advisor at Stanford University by withdrawing from the committee when it became clear that Pervez was a candidate for the award. The editor regrets any confusion the original article may have caused.

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Harold Joseph Highland



Harold Joseph Highland
1917 - 1997

The simulation community and the broader community of computer professionals lost one of its most notable and productive members with the death of Professor Harold Joseph Highland in September of 1997. Harold Highland made significant contributions to the general field of discrete-event simulation; and in particular, he played a major role during the Renaissance Period (1976 - 1985) of the Winter Simulation Conference (WSC). Furthermore, he himself was a Renaissance man, pursuing a multifaceted career over a period of some sixty years spent in academia, business, and the military.

Harold Highland helped initiate WSC's Renaissance Period in his roles as General Chair of the 1976 Bicentennial Winter Simulation Conference and as Co-Editor of the WSC '76 *Proceedings*. In these capacities he was instrumental in helping to resurrect the fledgling WSC series after continuity had been broken when WSC '74 was not followed by a 1975 conference as had been planned. (Particulars may be found in the section entitled "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Keynote Address" in the *Proceedings of the 1992 Winter Simulation Conference*.)

Professor Highland's contributions to the Winter Simulation Conference were not limited to WSC '76 by any means. He achieved legendary iron-man status within the simulation community by editing the WSC *Proceedings* not only in 1976 but also in 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979, and 1982.

Harold Highland's prodigious editorial efforts extended well beyond WSC to encompass numerous related technical conferences and professional publications. During the nine-year period ending in 1983, he edited over twenty sets of conference proceedings in modeling and simulation, computer performance evaluation, and urban affairs; and as of 1983, he had also written or edited some twenty-two books (to be supplemented by five more books before his death, including *The Computer Virus Handbook* in 1990). During the period 1972 - 1980, he also edited thirty-two issues of the ACM/SIGSIM publication *Simuletter*. During his career he authored over 150 technical papers and articles as well.

Harold Highland earned many honors during his lifetime. These included: Fellow of the ACM (for extraordinary technical and professional contributions to the arts and sciences of information technology); the Distinguished Service Award of the INFORMS/College on Simulation (for long-standing, exceptional service to the simulation community); the Thomas Fitzgerald Award of the Information Systems Security Association (for outstanding contributions to information security); and the IFIP Outstanding Service Award (for a decade of service to the IFIP Technical Committee on Information Security). Harold took particular delight in the distinction of being the only American Fellow of the Irish Computer Society.

From time to time Harold Joseph Highland, who was a large man physically, facetiously characterized himself as a "dinosaur." He was indeed a larger-than-life character on a dinosauric scale. Harold Highland was also a polymath — a species of intellectual now virtually extinct — whose energy, talent, and drive tremendously benefited a diversity of fields, including computer science, economics, education, information security, journalism, medicine, simulation, and statistics. The presence and productive involvement of Harold Highland will be greatly missed.

Report on the Simulation Area of the INFORMS Journal on Computing

Since my last report to the INFORMS/CS Newsletter (on March 13, 1997) one new paper has been submitted, none have been accepted, and none have been rejected. Currently there are four papers in various stages of the reviewing and revision process.

The Area Policy statement (in LaTeX input format) is in the file `areapolicy.tex` and may be obtained by anonymous ftp to `econqa.cba.uc.edu` (`cd pub/keltond/joc`), or via the web to `ftp://econqa.cba.uc.edu/pub/keltond/joc/areapolicy.tex`.

David Nicol has advised us that he will step down as JoC Associate Editor as he assumes the Editor-in-Chief position at ACM TOMACS. Paul Fishwick and Michael Taaffe have been appointed Associate Editors for the JoC Simulation Area.

Submitted by David Kelton (david.kelton@uc.edu), Area Editor, September 9, 1997.

The INFORMS College on Simulation has a World Wide Web Page.
Its URL is

<http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/>

The College page is designed to be a general source of information and WWW references for the simulation community.

Call for Nominations for the INFORMS College on Simulation Lifetime Professional Achievement Award

The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) College on Simulation has established its Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize major contributions to the field of simulation that are sustained over a professional career, with the critical consideration being the total impact of those contributions on computer simulation. An individual's contributions may fall in one or more of the following areas:

- contributions to research,
- contributions to practice,
- dissemination of knowledge,
- development of software or hardware,
- service to the profession, and
- advancement of the status or visibility of the field.

Given at most once a year, this award consists of a plaque and reasonable travel expenses incurred by the recipient in attending the presentation ceremony during the Spring 1998 INFORMS Meeting in Montreal, Canada.

Anyone is eligible to win the award, and the award may be received posthumously. Nominations may be submitted by anyone (including self nominations), but they may not be made anonymously. The burden of offering evidence of merit falls on the nominator. Each nomination should include:

- the nominee's complete resume;
- a clear-cut, comprehensive description of the nominee's major contributions to the profession, with complete supporting documentation; and
- at least three letters of endorsement providing evidence of the significance and magnitude of the nominee's professional achievements.

Nominations for the award must be received by the chair of the award selection committee no later than December 20, 1997:

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Treasurer's Report (1/1/97 through 9/8/97)

INFLOWS		BALANCE SHEET (as of 9/8/97)	
Dues Revenue	1042.50		
Interest Income	173.28	ASSETS	
WSC'96 Seed Return	2000.00	Cash and Bank Accounts	
WSC'96 Surplus Return	3647.14	INFORMS HQ Account	4757.28
		INFORMS-CS Checking	16833.22
TOTAL INFLOWS	6862.92	TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	21590.50
OUTFLOWS		TOTAL ASSETS	21590.50
CUMW Awards & Expenses	780.91	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Monthly Service Charges	42.11	LIABILITIES	0.00
Newsletter Expenses	1125.58	EQUITY	21590.50
Outstanding Service Award Expenses	768.69		
Bus. Meeting Expenses	185.84		
WSC'97 seed money	2000.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21590.50
WSC Travel	369.06		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5272.19		
OVERALL TOTAL	1590.73		

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Respectfully submitted by John M. Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer, 8 September 1997.

Report of the Simulation Area Editor for *Operations Research*

The Simulation Area of Operations Research publishes high-quality papers on simulation methodology and applications. The Simulation Area also reviews papers involving statistical problems in operations research. Associate Editors for the simulation area are Peter Haas, IBM Research; David Kelton, University of Cincinnati; Susan Sanchez, University of Missouri-St. Louis; and Mike Taaffe, University of Minnesota.

As of September 13, 1997 there have been 7 submissions for 1997; two have been rejected, and the others are in review. In 1996 there were 10 submissions, of which 5 were rejected, 1 was accepted and 4 are with the authors for revision.

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Status Report of the Simulation Department of *Management Science*

by Pierre L'Ecuyer, Departmental Editor, September 5, 1997

During the first 8 months of this year, 11 new papers have been submitted to the Simulation Department of *Management Science*; and editorial work has been completed on 11 papers, with 5 papers accepted, 5 papers rejected, and 1 paper withdrawn. For comparison, we had an average of 14 new submissions per year for the four previous years.

Currently the Simulation Department has 16 papers in process, including 1 for which more than 6 months have elapsed without editorial feedback being provided to the author(s).

The Simulation Department seeks high-quality papers dealing with any aspect of system simulation that is relevant to the practice or theory of management science. Authors can submit their paper to the Departmental Editor either by electronic mail (as one self-contained TeX or LaTeX or postscript file, without encoding) or by regular mail (in four hardcopies). Authors must adhere to the submissions guidelines given in the journal, especially regarding the formatting and length of the papers. The full text of the Editorial Policy is available from the web page of the Department Editor:

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Event Calendar • Fall 1997

1997 Winter Simulation Conference, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, December 7-10, 1997. Contact Barry L. Nelson, WSC '97 Program Chair Phone: (847)491-3747, Fax: (847)491-8005, Email: nelsonb@nwu.edu. WWW page <http://www.wintersim.org>.

APTEC Conference, at EUROMEDIA 98, DeMontfort University, Leicester, UK, January 5-7, 1998. Contact Charles Van der Mast, Delft University of Technology, Department of Information Systems, Julianalaan 132, NL-2628 BL, Delft, The Netherlands, Tel: +31.15.278.2549, Fax: +31.15.278.6632, E-mail: charles@is.twi.tudelft.nl. WWW page <http://hobbes.rug.ac.be/~scs/conf/euromd98/aptec.html>.

1998 Western MultiConference, Catamaran Resort Hotel, San Diego, California, January 11-14, 1998. Contact Dr. Francois E. Cellier, University of Arizona, Email: Cellier@ECE.Arizona.Edu. WWW page <http://www.scs.org/confernc>.

1998 Advanced Simulation Technologies Conference (ASTCJ'98), Boston Park Plaza Hotel, April 5-9, 1998. Contact the Program Chair, John Burrtt, Lockheed-Martin Idaho Technologies, E-mail: jdb@inel.gov. WWW page <http://www.scs.org/confernc/astc98/astc98cfp.html>.

EUROSIM Congress '98, Helsinki U. of Technology, Helsinki, Finland, April 14-17, 1998. General congress chair: JKaj Juslin, President of EUROSIM, email: Kaj.Juslin@vtt.fi. WWW page <http://www.vtt.fi/aut/tau/network/eurosim/eurocall.htm>.

Second International Symposium on Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output (SAMO98), University of Venice, Ca' Dolfin, April 19-22 1998. Contact SAMO 98 c/o Environment Institute (EI), European Commission Joint Research Centre, Phone: 272, 21020 Ispra (VA), ITALY, Fax. no.: ++ 39 332 78 5733, E-mail: karen.chan@jrc.it. WWW page <http://www.ei.jrc.it/samo/samo98>.

INFORMS/CORS Spring Meeting, Montreal Bonaventure Hilton, and the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Canada, April 26-29, 1998. Program Chair: Jean-Marie Bourjolly, Concordia University and CRT, jean-m@crt.umontreal.ca. WWW page <http://www.crt.umontreal.ca/~mtl98>.

7th Annual Industrial Engineering Research Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 9-10, 1998. Contact Leon McGinnis, ISyE, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia 30332-0205, E-mail: leon.mcginis@isye.gatech.edu. WWW page <http://www.iienet.org/conted/ierc98.htm>.

P A D S ' 9 8, 12th Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Simulation, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 26-29, 1998. Contact Brian Unger, Department of Computer Science, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada, Phone: 403 220 6316, E-mail: unger@cpsc.ucalgary.ca, Web: <http://www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~unger>. WWW page <http://www.wnet.ca/pads98>.

Third St.Petersburg Workshop on Simulation, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 21-25, 1998. Contact Prof. Viatcheslav B. Melas, St. Petersburg State University, E-mail: slava@melas.niimm.spb.su, or William Biles, University of Louisville, E-mail: webile01@ulkyvm.louisville.edu.

SIGMETRICS '98/ PERFORMANCE '98: Joint International Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems, Monona Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin, June 22-26, 1998. Contact Garth Gibson, Carnegie-Mellon University, E-mail: garth@cs.cmu.edu, or David Nicol, Dartmouth University, E-Mail: nicol@cs.dartmouth.edu. WWW page <http://www.cs.gmu.edu/conf/sigmetrics98>.

INFORMS Israel 1998, TelAviv University, June 28 - July 1, 1998. Contact Bezalel Gavish, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University, 401 21st Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37203, USA, Phone: (615) 322-3659, Fax: (615) 343-7177, E-Mail: gavishb@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu. WWW page <http://www.informs.org/Conf/TelAviv98>.

1998 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel, Reno, Nevada, July 19-22, 1998. Contact Danny DeMarinis, The MITRE Corporation, E-mail: bdeamarin@mitre.org or The Society for Computer Simulation International, P. O. Box 17900, San Diego, California 92177-7900, Phone: (619) 277-3888, Fax: (619) 277-3930. WWW page <http://www.scs.org/confernc/coninfo.html#scsc98>.

Sixth International Symposium on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems (MASCOTS '98) Complex Dejardins Hotel, Montreal, Canada, July 19-24, 1998. Contact Philip Wilsey, University of Cincinnati, Computer Architecture Design Laboratory, Dept. of ECECS, PO Box 210030, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0030, Phone: (513) 556-4779, Fax: (513) 556-7326, Email: philip.wilsey@uc.edu. WWW page <http://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~azedine>.

Second International Workshop on Distributed Interactive Simulation and Real Time Applications (In Conjunction with MASCOTS'98), July, 19-20, 1998, Montreal, Canada. Contact Azzedine Boukerche School of Computer Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, Phone: (514) 931-4676, Email: azedine@cs.mcgill.ca, or Richard Fujimoto, Phone: (404)853-9384, E-mail: fujimoto@cc.gatech.edu.

INFORMS Seattle, October 25-28, 1998. General Chair: Marisa Altschul, E-mail: marisa.altschul@boeing.com or Michael Taaffe, taaffe@staff.tc.umn.edu.

1998 Winter Simulation Conference, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC, December 13-16, 1998. Contact John S. Carson, Phone: (770)955-1501, Fax: (770)955-1592, Email: johnc@autosim.com, or Mani Manivannan, Phone: (503)499-3550, Fax: (503)499-3858, Email: mani@isq91.cnf.com. WWW page <http://www.wintersim.org/wsc98.htm>.

Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation Business Meeting
1996 Winter Simulation Conference
Coronado, CA, 10 December 1996

The meeting was called to order at 4:50PM by Vice President Mike Taaffe. In the interest of saving time for business to be discussed later, just the officers present at the meeting were introduced.

The minutes of the 5 November 1996 business meeting in Atlanta were distributed and approved. Brief reports were given by John Charnes on the college finances, and by Jim Wilson, David Kelton, and Barry Nelson on the status of the simulation departments of Management Science, INFORMS Journal on Computing, and Operations Research, respectively. Full reports appear in the Fall 1996 issue of the Newsletter.

Diane Bischak reported that the Fall 1996 Newsletter had been mailed. Vice President Mike Taaffe asked for volunteers to organize sponsored sessions for the Fall 1997 INFORMS meeting in Dallas. Sigrun Andradottir reported that there were approximately 20 applications for the awards to support Women and Underrepresented Minority attendees at WSC'96. The four awardees were announced, and those present at the meeting were thanked for attending WSC'96.

Steve Roberts introduced Tom Schriber, the winner of the 1996 Distinguished Service Award, who was selected by the committee composed of Steve Roberts, Alan Pritsker, and Jim Wilson. Richard Fujimoto introduced Perwez Shahabuddin, winner of the 1996 Outstanding Simulation Publication Award.

Enver Yucesan reported on the Ph.D. Student Colloquium at WSC'96. Six students gave presentations, and Russell Cheng made the opening remarks. Barry Nelson reported on WSC97, at which the Ph.D. Student Colloquium will be joined with the poster session. A change in the due date for submission of papers by Ph.D. students was discussed. September 1 is felt by some to be too early, and that October 1 might be better.

Steve Roberts reported on the college's representatives to the WSC Board. Steve is retiring from the Board. The college is the most active, and the easiest to represent. He expressed the concern that we want two voices from the college on the Board, because WSC needs the continuing input of the good ideas from INFORMS/CS people. Bob Sargent moved that two representatives from the INFORMS/CS continue to be sent to the WSC Board meetings. The motion carried. Bob Sargent recommended that members send nominations for representative to Jeff Tew by January 15, 1997. Dave Withers indicated that the sooner the representative was chosen, the better it would be for the WSC'97 committee because the names of the Board Members appear on the conference letterhead.

Old Business

Jim Wilson distributed two documents: a Proposal for a Lifetime Professional Achievement Award, which was also distributed to the members by e-mail and is on the college WWW site; and a clarification of the relationship between the INFORMS/CS Distinguished Service Award and the Proposed Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. Jim elaborated on the differences between the two awards, and discussed the modifications to the proposal resulting from the discussion at the business meeting in Atlanta during Fall, 1996. Barry Nelson initiated a discussion of the cash award indicated in Item 3.b. of the proposal. Paul Sanchez asked if the selection committee could obtain resumes from award nominees without their knowledge. This has been done in the past for the Distinguished Service Award. Some individuals think that the proposed Lifetime Professional Achievement Award should be presented at INFORMS national meetings, but this has yet to be decided. The motion to approve the proposed Lifetime Professional Achievement Award as stated in the document Jim Wilson distributed was passed by the college.

New Business

Barry Nelson pointed out the need for a list of keywords for simulation papers, which could be used for indexing the papers on the WSC'97 CD-ROM. Barry requested that the formation of a committee to establish such a list be put on the agenda of the next business meeting. Jeff Tew would like to get a sense from the members if there is support for getting corporate sponsorship of college activities. Jeff will put on the college web site an item related to this. Peter Welch inquired about maintenance of the college's web site. Diane Bischak read a statement that Peter had sent to the college officers. Bruce Schmeiser said that he thinks the web site should be maintained by an unpaid volunteer. Lee Schruben sees this as a chance for newer members to become involved in college activities. Dave Withers suggested that people who are interested in volunteering to maintain the web site should send their name to Jeff Tew.

Dean Hartley reported on his role as Division B representative on the INFORMS Board of Directors. He represents five sections, but his term is expiring soon. We should think about nominating candidates for representative, which requires attending Board meetings at each INFORMS national meeting (they usually take all day Sunday, and half of Monday). The representative also attends the midterm meeting, and is reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. Division B is composed of five subdivisions: Military Applications, Applied Probability, Decision Analysis, Communications, and Simulation. The division representatives are a large, vocal, and active group. The subdivisions nominate candidates, then a national election is held to choose the representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John M. Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer

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Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation Spring 1997 Business Meeting San Diego, 6 May 1997

Attendees: Dean Hartley, Barry Nelson, Sheldon Jacobson, Marvin Nakayama, Stephen Chick, Halim Damerджи, Chuck Reilly, Bruce Schmeiser, Gordon Clark, Theodore Allen, Peter Haas, John Charnes, Jeff Tew. The meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM by President Jeff Tew. Jeff announced the nominations for offices that were listed in the Spring 1997 Newsletter.

The minutes from the business meeting in San Diego at WSC96 that appeared in the Spring 1997 Newsletter were amended as follows. The last paragraph in the Old Business section (begins with "Dean Hartley moved...") was removed, and replaced with "The motion to approve the proposed Lifetime Professional Achievement Award as stated in the document Jim Wilson distributed was passed by the college." The amended minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. John Charnes reported that the college has on hand \$14,442.60 in an interest-bearing checking account at Mercantile Bank, Lawrence, KS, and \$5,370.05 in an account at INFORMS, giving a total net worth of \$19,812.65. Vice-President's Report. Jeff read a message from Mike Taaffe stating there will be two college-sponsored sessions at Dallas, which were organized by David Kelton and Jim Wilson, Jeff Tew will try to organize another session. Jeff sent around a sheet to sign up for sponsored sessions.

Newsletter Editor's Report. Jeff read a message from Diane Bischak stating (1) Everyone should have received the Spring Newsletter in the mail. It will also soon be available on the College web page in pdf [Adobe portable document] format, which provides a much nicer viewing experience than html format does. There will also be directions to the web site where Adobe Acrobat Reader is publicly available to read pdf format; (2) There will be a clarification in the next Newsletter regarding the fact that Peter Glynn did not actively take part in the selection of Perwez Shahabuddin as the Outstanding Publication Award recipient. Although a member of the Outstanding Publication Award committee, Peter scrupulously avoided any conflict of interest arising from his role as Perwez's advisor at Stanford by withdrawing from the committee; and (3) Thanks to Russ Barton for his help on the Newsletter and in chairing the ad hoc committee on the College web page.

Old Business

Report from the Selection Committee for the INFORMS/CS Distinguished Service Award: In March 1997 the Call for Nominations appeared on the college's home page and in EUROSIM News. In April the Call for Nominations appeared in the INFORMS/CS Newsletter and in or/ms today. In May the Call for Nominations will appear in IIE solutions, simulation, and simulation digest. So far the Selection Committee has received one nomination for the Distinguished Service Award. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 1997 to Jim Wilson.

Sheldon Jacobson reported that this year's Outstanding Publication Award committee consists of Peter Glynn, Richard Fujimoto, and Sheldon Jacobson.

It was noted that reports from the simulation area editors of Management Science, Operations Research, and INFORMS Journal on Computing appear in the Newsletter. Barry Nelson reported further that Operations Research wants to initiate an on-line extension of the journal. Members are encouraged to think about including electronic material (data, programs, etc.) with submissions to Barry. If a paper is published, its electronic extensions will be put on a server maintained by INFORMS.

Barry Nelson on WSC97: There were 212 contributed submissions. Ward Whitt will be the keynote speaker. Things are flowing smoothly. All speakers in the Ph.D. colloquium will appear in the poster session, which will be held in a prominent place.

Jeff Tew summarized Russ Barton's report from the ad hoc committee on Web site. The full report will appear in the Fall '97 Newsletter. One of the report's recommendations is to appropriate \$150 monthly for maintaining the Web site. Jeff suggested that this recommendation be put up for vote at the WSC'97 business meeting.

Barry Nelson made a motion to pay Peter Welch up to \$1,000 to enhance the current Web page. This does not bind the college to a permanent contract with Peter Welch, and the college will own all products of Peter's work. The motion carried.

Barry Nelson asked to see a record of cash inflows and outflows during 1994 to 1996 to see if dues should be raised. Bruce Schmeiser moved that the annual dues for all members be raised to \$7.50 for non-members of INFORMS, \$6.00 for INFORMS members, and that student and retired member dues remain \$2.00 per year. The motion carried.

Gordon Clark reported on the Lifetime Professional Achievement Award selection committee, consisting of Gordon Clark, Steve Roberts, and Dave Goldsman. Gordon called for nominations.

New Business

Dave Goldsman's Proposed Bylaws of the College were distributed. These appeared in the Spring 1997 Newsletter. Dave moved that a referendum on the Proposed Bylaws be conducted in the Fall 1997 Newsletter. The motion carried.

Dean Hartley requested that the College apply for society status with INFORMS. This will be brought up for vote at WSC'97.

There was a short discussion of a standard set of keywords for WSC papers. Barry will look for a standard set of keywords developed by others, but indicated that the College might have to develop a suitable set of keywords for simulation papers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John M. Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Referendum on the Proposed Bylaws of the INFORMS College on Simulation

To vote in the referendum on the Proposed Bylaws, please complete the ballot that appears on the back page of this Newsletter. The Proposed Bylaws of the College are meant to update our current Bylaws, which appear in the Fall 1987 Newsletter. The Proposed Bylaws reflect (i) a number of amendments approved after a vote conducted in the Spring 1994 Newsletter; (ii) “obvious” changes due to the recent ORSA/TIMS to INFORMS conversion; (iii) additional “reasonable” changes meant to update and streamline the Bylaws, and to reflect operating reality. For details on the major changes, see the Spring 1997 Newsletter. The Proposed Bylaws were discussed at the Spring 1997 College meeting, and no changes in the Proposed Bylaws were made at that meeting.

The following are the Proposed Bylaws.

ARTICLE I — NAME

1. This organization shall be called the College on Simulation.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

1. The College is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes:
 - A. To encourage the development and dissemination of knowledge in the area of simulation.
 - B. To promote communication and interaction among individuals and organizations who share an interest in simulation.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Any person interested in simulation may associate with this College.

1. Any member of INFORMS may become a member of the College by completing a membership application and submitting it with the proper dues. All such members of the College shall have equal rights, duties and privileges.
2. An individual who is not a member of INFORMS may become a member of the College by completing a membership application and submitting it with the proper dues. Such members shall have the same rights, duties and privileges as those of regular members except for the right to hold elective office in the College.
3. Dues are set by a vote of the membership. College dues are higher for members who do not hold membership in INFORMS.

ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The officers of the College shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the immediate Past President and the Chairs of the standing committees.
2. The President shall be the chief administrative officer of the College. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the College and its Executive Committee, manage the affairs of the College between meetings, appoint all committees and committee chairpersons of the College, and conduct College elections.
3. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the President’s absence. The Vice President also shall plan all program meetings and arrange for all business and program meetings of the College.
4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all College and Executive Committee business meetings, send all notices to the membership and Executive Committee, and perform other duties usual to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain needed contact with and supply needed non-financial reports to INFORMS.
5. The Treasurer shall work with the appropriate Business Offices to ensure that dues are collected and mailing lists are maintained, maintain financial and membership records, supervise disbursements of funds, arrange for any bank accounts needed to handle College funds with approval of the Executive Committee for the banks selected, and perform other duties usual to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain needed contact with and supply needed financial reports to INFORMS.
6. Each officer must be a member of INFORMS and the College.
7. The term of office shall begin July 1 of even numbered years.
8. Vacancies in any office may be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee until the next scheduled election.

ARTICLE V — ELECTIONS

1. The Nominating Committee shall select at least two nominees for each office and submit the list of nominees to the President for publication in the Fall Newsletter. Any group of 10 or more members may then nominate a candidate for any office by submitting a signed petition to the President no later than March 1. The Spring Newsletter will include the ballots, showing all nominees listed in alphabetical order with no distinction between petition and Nominating Committee candidates and providing space for write-in candidates. The ballots shall specify the deadline for their return, which shall be the same as the date of the Spring business meeting. Ballot counting shall be the responsibility of the President.

In the event of a tie vote for any position, the members of the Executive Committee shall choose between the tied candidates by written ballot. Results of the election shall be communicated in the Fall Newsletter.

2. A plurality of qualified votes cast shall be necessary for election.
3. The Vice President shall succeed to the office of President in the following term. If it is known before the Nominating Committee submits its list of nominees that the Vice President will be unable to succeed to the office of President, then nominations shall be solicited for the office of President.
4. The Nominating Committee shall consist of two members of the College who do not currently hold office, and the immediate Past President of the College who shall chair the committee.

ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

1. Business meetings of the College shall be held at least three times each year in conjunction with the Fall and Spring meetings of INFORMS and the Winter Simulation Conference. A quorum for business meetings shall be 15 members or five percent of the total membership, whichever is less.
2. Each shall include the minutes of the preceding business meeting(s) (if any) and the agenda for the next business meeting.
3. Roberts' Rules (Revised) shall be followed in all meetings, except as they conflict with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII — COMMITTEES

1. The Standing Committees and their duties shall be as follows:
 - A. Award/Publication handles all matters with respect to the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award.
 - B. Award/Service handles all matters with respect to the Distinguished Service Award.
 - C. Award/Lifetime Achievement handles all matters with respect to the Lifetime Professional Achievement Award.
 - D. Nominating nominates candidates for office.
2. The President may create ad hoc committees and appoint their members and chairpersons. The tenure of an ad hoc committee shall expire with the term of the President who appointed it.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

1. Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by:
 - A. the College membership
 - B. the appropriate oversight committee within INFORMS.An amendment shall be effective when and only when both of these required approvals have been obtained.
2. Approval of an amendment by the membership must be obtained in the following manner:
 - A. A proposed amendment may be submitted for action by vote of the Executive Committee or by written petition of 15 members or five percent of the total membership, whichever is less.

- B. The proposed amendment shall be read and discussed at a College business meeting. Notice of the meeting and the wording of the proposed amendment shall be distributed to the members at least 30 days before the meeting. The proposed amendment must receive a positive vote at the meeting.
- C. With the first Newsletter following the meeting at which the amendment received a positive vote, the Secretary shall distribute mail ballots on the amendment. These ballots shall include the date by which ballots must be returned, which shall be at least six weeks after the date the ballots are distributed. In order for the amendment to be approved, the following conditions must both be met:
 - i. At least 10% of all qualified College members must vote to approve the amendment.
 - ii. Of those who vote, a 2/3 majority must be in favor of the amendment.

ARTICLE IX — NEWSLETTER

The College shall produce a Newsletter at least twice a year. All editorial staff shall be appointed by the President.

Parallel Random Number Generator Library

We are happy to announce the Beta release of SPRNG: a Scalable Parallel Random Number Generator Library. (It can be used for the usual serial random number generation too.)

These libraries are callable from C, C++, and FORTRAN programs. We have ported the generator to the following machines: Cray T3E, Convex Exemplar, SGI Power Challenge array, Origin 2000, IBM SP2, HP and SUN workstations, PC (Linux). It should be easy for users to port it to other machines too.

We have also included a test suite. The five random number generators included in our library have been subjected to some of the largest unclassified random number tests ever performed, with up to 10^{12} random numbers in certain tests.

Please see our home page:
<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Apps/SPRNG/>

For further information, contact

- Ashok Srinivasan

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Call for Papers ***** First Announcement

Third St. Petersburg Workshop
on
Simulation

June 21-25, 1998

St. Petersburg State University
St. Petersburg, Russia

The workshop will be organized by the Department of Stochastic Simulation of St. Petersburg State University in cooperation with the INFORMS College on Simulation.

The First Workshop (May 24-28, 1994) and Second Workshop (June 18-22, 1996) showed that there exists mutual interest in the exchange of ideas between scholars from Russia and from the West. The Third Workshop will be devoted to further development and application of sophisticated mathematical techniques to the solution of actual problems in stochastic simulation and experimental design.

The end of June is the time of the famous white nights and wonderful weather in St. Petersburg. Participants will visit the remarkable museums and theaters of the city.

Workshop topics:

- Methodology of computer simulation
- Stochastic simulation in physics and mechanics
- Stochastic simulation in economics
- Random number generators, simulation of random processes
- Variance reduction techniques
- Simulation of computer networks
- Experimental design theory
- Extremes of random processes
- Numerical algorithms
- Software

Original papers on workshop topics are solicited. Authors should submit two hard copies of papers (no more than six pages) typed in a one-column format, and an electronic version in LaTeX or AMSTeX, by November 30, 1997.

The electronic version should be sent to the Local Organizing Committee Co-Chair, Prof. Viatcheslav B. Melas, by e-mail at slava@melas.niimm.spb.su. Hard copies should be sent to any of the International Organizing Committee members (please obtain addresses from Prof. Melas).

Papers will be refereed by members of the International Program Committee. Notification of acceptance will be given by February 15, 1998. Proceedings will be available to the participants at the beginning of the workshop.

The organizing fee is expected to be about \$200 (US). Financial and accommodations details will be distributed later.

For further information, contact:

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The 1997 Winter Simulation Conference December 7-10, 1997, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

(The WSC Preliminary Program is now available on www.wintersim.org.)

Please join us in Atlanta for the 1997 Winter Simulation Conference, the premier forum on simulation practice and theory. The conference theme "The Shortest Distance from Research to Application" reflects our goal to help merge the work of the researchers and teachers in the academic community to the application needs of government, commerce, and industry. Simulation does have a unique characteristic: it allows very quick transfer of technology from the laboratory into application. The Winter Simulation Conference is a key catalyst for this information flow. At WSC '97 a special track of papers will emphasize successes in simulation. At the other end of the theme, you will hear from distinguished researchers, starting with Dr. Ward Whitt at the Monday morning Plenary Session.

The Renaissance Waverly Hotel is an excellent match to this conference. All of the conference rooms are on the same level - making it easy to move from session to session. For your convenience, shops and restaurants are within easy walking distance from the hotel. Atlanta is also the home of Southern Hospitality with antebellum mansions, spectacular museums, Underground Atlanta, upscale shopping malls, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, and the Carter Presidential Center.

Program tracks on Monday through Wednesday feature the best in simulation research from the leading researchers. The Winter Simulation Conference has established a long record of quality in the technical program. The program is packed with success stories about using simulation in industry, government, and commercial applications. You can meet with these authors and others who are working on similar problems and have found solutions.

The Sunday afternoon vendor sessions will allow you to get training on current products at no additional cost. The vendors will be present in the Exhibits Hall throughout the conference and many of them will host User Group Meetings on Tuesday evening. There are also two additional program tracks devoted to simulation software and modelware.

The Winter Simulation Conference Proceedings are known for their consistency and quality. This same high quality, archival material will be available on a CD ROM as well as in the traditional bound volume. The CD ROM includes reader software so you can use it immediately. On Sunday afternoon and Monday at noon we'll have short tutorial sessions to introduce you to the electronic proceedings.

We start early this year! Join other attendees for the Exhibitor Training Program presented by leading simulation software and modelware vendors. The Poster Session kicks off the conference technical program on Sunday afternoon. The exhibits are open for meeting with the vendors and getting personal demonstrations of the latest products. Snacks and a cash bar will be available. A conference introduction for first time attendees will follow in the late afternoon. The Ph.D. Colloquium is on Sunday evening.

We've arranged a full program for spouses starting with a get-acquainted time at a continental breakfast on Monday morning. Tours are available and you'll receive a sign-up form with the confirmation of your pre-registration. Spouses can sign up at the conference, subject to tour availability.

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INFORMS College on Simulation Newsletter/Web Page Study Committee Report

(Editor's note: The following is the report of an ad hoc committee set up by President Jeff Tew. The report's recommendations, summarized near the end of the report, will be on the agenda for discussion during the College business meeting at the 1997 Winter Simulation Conference in Atlanta.)

Committee Members:

Russell Barton
Diane Bischak
Peter Welch
James Wilson

Statement of Charter:

The committee charter was threefold: i) to make recommendations to the President on the role of the INFORMS College on Simulation newsletter and the College web page, and ii) suggest an organizational structure appropriate for these roles, and iii) address the issue of financial support for maintenance of the College web page.

Committee Activities:

With no opportunity to meet between WSC'96 and the Spring INFORMS meeting, the committee deliberated by e-mail. After some initial informal communication, the committee communicated in four formal phases. In the first formal phase, each committee member presented their view on each of the three charter issues. In addition, the issue of an INFORMS College newsgroup similar to SNET was discussed, but based on the first phase responses, this issue was tabled. In the second phase, we distinguished issues on which all committee members agreed, and more controversial issues on which there was some disagreement. In the third phase, there was an opportunity for elaboration on opposing views, and for compromise. During the fourth phase, the committee chair summarized the common or majority views on all issues. This summary is presented below.

Recommended Role of Newsletter:

The role of the newsletter is narrower in scope than the role of the web page. The newsletter is directed specifically to the membership of the College, and should provide a permanent archival record of the activities of the College. This record should be accessible to all members of the College, and so for the time being should remain (at least for some members) a paper newsletter, since College members do not have universal access to the WWW, particularly retired and international members.

In addition to a mailed paper version of the newsletter, the committee recommends that an electronic version of the newsletter be available on the College web site. Printing and mailing costs may be reduced by asking members to forego a paper copy of the newsletter if they are satisfied with web access to the newsletter. As new issues appear, back issues should be retained on the web for archival purposes.

The contents of the paper newsletter should be determined by the Newsletter Editor and Associate Editor, but the Study Committee identified a possible list of topics:

- President's Message
- Upcoming Meetings/Calendar
- College Business (treasurer, membership, proposed awards, proposed changes to bylaws, elections, minutes of all meetings since last newsletter, including the complete, definitive text of any motions passed)
- News Highlights
- Status Reports from Journal Editors
- Special Articles
- Member Activities (job changes, national awards, and so forth)
- List of Officers, Email Addresses and College Web Site Address

Recommended Role of Web:

The Web site should provide a service to the world wide simulation community, not just College members. It should address the needs of the simulation professionals, whether a novice, a leading edge researcher, a software developer, a government research sponsor, or an industry practitioner. The focus should be on discrete-event simulation, combined discrete-continuous simulation, and gaming, following the College's original charter, unless modified by the College.

The contents of the web page should be determined by the Web Editor and Associate Editor, but the Study Committee identified a possible list of topics:

- About the INFORMS College on Simulation
- INFORMS College News
- Information on Simulation Books, Journals, Videos, and other Media

- Service and Product Providers
- Other Simulation Societies and Other WWW Sites
- List of Interested Individuals (not necessarily College members)
- Calls for Papers for Meetings or Journal Special Issues
- Other Announcements of Interest to the Simulation Community

The INFORMS College News page should include an electronic version of the newsletter and other College specific news, such as a complete list of officers with e-mail and regular mail addresses, and the complete e-mail directory for the college membership. It should also contain links to web pages for College-sponsored activities such as WSC 'XX.

Recommended Administrative Structure and Support:

The Study Committee recommends that the College establish the position of Web Editor as a new College officer. The Web Editor will be responsible for determining policy with regard to web contents, and for overseeing the maintenance of the College web page. The Study Committee recommends that the President or Web Editor appoint an Associate Web Editor to help in web activities and to smooth the transition from one Web Editor to the next. The Web Associate Editor would be expected to succeed the Web Editor at the end of the term.

The Study Committee recommends the creation of these positions in addition to and as a complement to the current Newsletter Editor and Newsletter Associate Editor positions. The Newsletter Editor will remain responsible for the content and production of the paper newsletter. The work required to define and produce the web pages is too large a burden to add to the responsibilities of these unpaid volunteers. We recommend that the Newsletter Associate Editor and the Web Associate Editor collaborate to migrate the paper newsletter contents to the web site, and to coordinate information on meetings and membership changes.

Since the web page presents a very accessible view of the College to a worldwide audience, it is important that the page be well-designed, current, and well-maintained. To this end, the Study Committee recommends that the Web Editor receive up to \$150 per month to contract for web page programming support.

Summary of Findings and Recommendations:

The Study Committee sees important roles for both the paper newsletter and the College web page. While the newsletter is supported formally by the College, the web page is not. The committee recommends that the College support the development of a web page, by i) establishing an additional officer: the Web Editor, and ii) providing up to \$150 per month to support the cost of web page maintenance, to be spent at the discretion of the Web Editor. Finally, the Study Committee recommends the continuation of the paper newsletter, under the supervision of the Newsletter Editor, with close coordination between newsletter and web contents effected by the respective Associate Editors.

Appendix: Suggested Bylaw Change

The President shall appoint a Web Editor to serve at the discretion of the President. The Web Editor will be responsible for the content and maintenance of the College web page. The Web Editor will coordinate with the Newsletter Editor to maintain current and back issues of the College Newsletter on the web site.

Call for Nominations INFORMS College on Simulation Officers

Nominations are requested for Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer of the INFORMS College on Simulation. Nominations must be members of the College. Please submit your nominations to:

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The next issue of the Newsletter will include a ballot for the election of these officers.

Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation
Fall 1997 Business Meeting
Dallas, Texas, 28 October 1997

Attendees: Churry Jimmy, Kevin Stamber, Sheldon Jacobson, Mike Taaffe, Dave Goldsman, Andy Seila, Lee Schruben, Michael Fu, James Swisher, Brian Jun, Kelly Sullivan, Jan-Peter Lechmer, Mohamed A. El-Wakeel, Mary Crissey, Sigrun Andradottir, Jeff Tew.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Jeff Tew. The minutes of the business meeting in San Diego on 7 May 1997 were summarized by John Charnes. The main items brought up in San Diego were: (1) the motion to pay Peter Welch up to \$1,000 during the next year to enhance the current Web page, (2) the motion to raise the annual dues to \$7.50 for non-members of INFORMS, \$6.00 for INFORMS members, and \$2.00 for student and retired members, and (3) Dave Goldsman's Proposed Bylaws of the College, which appeared in the Spring 1997 Newsletter. These three items will be on the agenda for discussion at WSC in Atlanta, but Jeff Tew indicated that he had set the current dues to \$5.00 for Informs members.

John Charnes reported the total equity of the college as \$21,612.75. Mike Taaffe reported on sponsored sessions at Montreal. Five or six sessions will be sponsored by the college. Mike asked for volunteers to organize sessions for the Fall 1998 conference to be held in Seattle. The Fall newsletter is in process and will be distributed soon.

Old Business

Jeff Tew discussed the prospect of having the associate newsletter editor be in charge of the college web page. There was no vocal opposition to this idea. It will be put on the agenda for the business meeting held at WSC'97 in Atlanta.

New Business

Jeff Tew asked for volunteers to form a committee to investigate the possibility of obtaining corporate sponsors for the college. Would such an arrangement lead to a conflict of interest? How about having corporate memberships in the college that includes mention of corporate names in each newsletter? Corporate sponsorship of sessions at WSC or INFORMS conferences? Sheldon Jacobson volunteered to be a member of the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer.

WSC '97 Program Chair's Report

This year participants in the INFORMS/CS Ph.D. Colloquium will also be included in Sunday afternoon's Poster Track. Thanks to INFORMS/CS, and especially Colloquium Coordinator Marvin Nakayama, for helping with this experiment. And please support the Poster Track.

The primary new feature this year at WSC is the conference name change. The change was motivated by the increasingly irritating jokes about simulating winter. (Editor's note: those of us down under think there may be another good reason for changing the name of the "Winter" Simulation Conference.) However, because we have so much invested in "WSC" the options were somewhat constrained. Ultimately we decided on the 1997 Winner Simulation Conference, figuring it would help our self-esteem. This idea was suggested to us by the same ad agency that produced those commercials with people dressed up in Chicken McNugget costumes. For public consumption, we will claim to be fixing a 30-year-old typo.

Be sure to attend the Plenary Session. The keynote address by Ward Whitt is entitled "Equations So Cool They Give Me the Shakes." Selfishly, I can't wait to see this.

Talks will be presented in a somewhat different format this year: 5 minutes for the talk, 25 minutes for questions. Questions need not relate to the talk. Not only does this simulate (hee, hee) a Ph.D. final oral exam, it saves hundreds of transparencies, allowing us to bill ourselves as the "wintergreen" conference.

As usual we will have 10 parallel tracks, plus 3 cereal tracks (flakes, puffs and granola). Because many of the same topics, such as web-based simulation, appear in multiple tracks, there was some heated debate among the program committee members about whether the parallel tracks actually cross.

All and all it should be fun and educational. Remember that the Proceedings will also come on CD this year, and it includes 7 heretofore unreleased Zombie's songs and a video clip of Elvis coding in Fortran. Come and get it Dec. 7—10.

Barry Nelson
Winner Simulation Conference Program Chair

INFORMS/CS E-Mail Directory

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